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1. WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AT VIENNA CONTINUED OVER THE WEEKEND AND MONDAY TO BE REPORTED PRIMARILY AS A SECONDARY STORY IN THE GREEK MEDIA. ONLY PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYNI AND COMMUNIST (KKE-INTERIOR) AVGHI CARRIED THE STORY AS A FEATURE ON SATURDAY. THE ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENTS TO APPEAR TO DATE WERE IN AVGHI AND ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE ESTIA. AVGHI WROTE THAT THE TURKS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE NOT MAKING ANY CONCESSIONS BECAUSE OF CHAUVINISM AND AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. ESTIA SAID THE PRESENT STALEMATE HAD BEEN EXPECTED AND CRITICIZED THE GOG FOR NOT BEING MORE VIGOROUS IN SUPPORTING THE GREEK CYPRIOTS

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2. REPORTS, MAINLY DATELINED VIENNA AND NICOSIA, ON THE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS OF THE TALKS AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN GENERALLY PESSIMISTIC, PLACING THE BLAME ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE FOR NOT ADHERING TO THE SPIRIT OF THE FOUR PRINCIPLES AGREED TO AT THE MAKARIOS-DENKTASH FEBRUARY MEETING. THE TURKISH SIDE WAS ALSO ATTACKED FOR FAILING TO RESPOND SUBSTANTIVELY TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT

SUBMISSIONS ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE WERE FREQUENTLY DESCRIBED AS VAGUE AND DESIGNED TO CREATE TWO STATES AS OPPOSED TO A FEDERATION. WHILE BY SATURDAY AFTERNOON THE TERMS "IMPASSE" AND "SHIPWRECKED" WERE EMPLOYED IN REPORTING ON THE TALKS, IT WAS NOTED AT THE SAME TIME, WITH A HINT OF OPTIMISM, THAT THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION HAD BEEN CANCELLED TO GIVE THE TWO SIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS BEFORE THE "CRITICAL" MONDAY SESSION WHEN, HOPEFULLY, THE PRESS REPORTED, SOME NEW DEVELOPMENTS WILL OCCUR

3. THE EFFORTS OF UNSYG WALDEHEIM TO BREAK THE STALEMATE WERE ALSO MENTIONED. TV AND RADIO NEWS PROGRAMS ON SUNDAY EVENING CARRIED THE REPORT THAT GREEK AMBASSADOR TO VIENNA PAPADOPOULOS HAD BEEN TOLD BY WALDEHEIM THAT HE WOULD EXERT ALL NECESSARY EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WOULD TAKE A POSITIVE AND FRUITFUL TURN. THE SUNDAY MORNING PRESS EMPHASIZED THE HELPFUL ACTIVITIES IN VIENNA OF "STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE LEDSKY" AND OF THE BRITISH ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9. SOME STORIES ALLUDED ALSO TO BEHIND-THE-SCENES EFFORTS BY WEST GERMAN AND SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES TO BRING THE TWO SIDES CLOSER TOGETHER. PRO-GOVERNMENT APOYEVMATINI, IN A STORY FROM NICOSIA TODAY (APRIL 4), WROTE THAT LEDSKY HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE TURKISH SIDE NO CONCESSIONS COULD BE MADE UNTIL AFTER THE TURKISH ELECTIONS. ACCORDING TO THE STORY, LEDSKY THEN BRIEFED CLARK CLIFFORD WHO CONTACTED THE GOT TO REMIND IT OF ITS PLEDGE NOT TO USE THE ELECTIONS AS A PRETEXT FOR AVOIDING SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. THE STORY ALSO STATED THAT USG CHARACTERIZED THE TURKISH POSTURE AS GOING BACK ON WHAT ANKARA AND DENKTASH HAD PROMISED TO CLIFFORD
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4. ON SUNDAY, THE NEWSPAPERS CARRIED STORIES FROM NICOSIA SAYING THE GOC HAD PUBLICLY RELEASED THE OFFICIAL GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS AND MAP. THE TERMS OF THESE PROPOSALS WERE DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL, ALTHOUGH TO DATE A FACSIMILE OF WHAT IS PURPORTED TO BE THE MAP HAS APPEARED IN ONLY TWO ATHENS DAILIES

5. ILLUSTRATIVE NEWSPAPER CAPTIONS FOLLOW: SATURDAY, APRIL 2: LIBERAL, OPPOSITION TO VIMA: "BECAUSE OF THE UNACCEPTABLE TURKISH DEMANDS THE VIENNA TALKS ARE HEADING TOWARD FAILURE--AMERICAN INTERVENTION TO BREAK THE IMPASSE"; PRO-GOVERNMENT KATHIMERINI: "THE VIENNA TALKS HAVE REACHED AN IMPASSE -- THE PROPOSALS OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE UNACCEPTABLE"; COMMUNIST (KKE-EXTERIOR) RIZOSPASTIS: "THE TURKISH CYPRIOT VIEWS ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION ARE UNACCEPTABLE-- NATO CIRCLES ENCOURAGE TURKISH CYPRIOT INTRANSIGENCE-- THEY OVERTLY INTERVENE IN THE VIENNA TALKS, COMMUNIST (KKE-INTERIOR) AVGHI: "TURKS IN VIENNA TORPEDO THE TALKS--ANKARA'S PROPOSALS PROVIDE FOR TWO STATES, TWO CONSTITUTIONS, TWO ARMIES--CENTRAL GOVERNMENT STRIPPED OF ANY AUTHORITY." SUNDAY, APRIL 3:

KATHKERINI: "PRESSING INITIATIVE BY U.S. AND RUSSIA IN VIENNA TO
AVERT THE FAILURE OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS"; RIZOSPASTIS:
"TURKISH CYPRIOTS NOW ALSO CLAIM THE PRESIDENCY OF THE
CYPRIOT REPUBLIC, ENCOURAGED BY THE OPEN SUPPORT OF NATO CIRCLES
FOR THEIR PLANS TO DIVIDE" (THE ISLAND); MONDAY, APRIL 4:
APOYEVMATINI: "AMERICAN NOTE TO ANKARA ABOUT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM--
IT CALLS UPON HER TO SUBMIT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS"; LEFTIST
ELEFTHEROTYPIA: "WESTERN ATTEMPT TO 'REVIVE' THE INTERCOMMUNAL
TALKS--NICOSIA CONSIDERS THE TALKS "DEAD"; LEFTIST, OPPOSITION
TA NEA: "TURKISH CYPRIOTS PROPOSE 30 PERCENT?; NEITHER
FAMAGUSTA NOR MORPHOS--THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS END IN FAILURE."
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